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http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/get-rid-of-landfill-s-radioactive-waste/article_597153eb-86df-5074-a45d-8ac1cb1a9c0d.html

Consider this scenario regarding radioactive, chemical and fire hazards in Bridgeton at West Lake Landfill:

You have cancer (like the statistically higher-than-average victims in North St. Louis County) with an ugly rash close by. You are alarmed and you see Dr. B. He says he could remove it, but wants to test you because removing it may be harmful. Others have had tumors just like yours removed successfully. Dr. A specializes in removal of your cancer, with recent success. Dr. B says his own plan of testing, and retesting, and retesting is better, although tests show you are ill and getting worse.

Insurance companies recognize that cancer kills, so they pay for tumor removal. Experts explain factually about the increasing dangers of the tumor and rash. Your tumor continues growing and the rash is getting closer. Dr. B tells you that removal costs should be spent for things like his testing equipment and advertising. Dr. B won't remove your tumor, but he wants to watch what happens and study to see how sick you get.

The person that deliberately caused your cancer is rich, with more than enough to pay for surgery, but has not been legally obligated to help you. No one will enforce the law against hurting you.

Dr. A is the US Army Corps of Engineers. Dr. B is the Environmental Protection Agency.
Which doctor would you want to treat you?

Your elected representatives have already chosen the EPA for you. Contact Congress
today to support removal of radioactive waste!

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